(c) Air Taxi operations are permitted under AIC No. 24 of 1990 issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation, as amended from time to time.

(d) Subject to constraints of space, air taxi operators are being provided facilities like counter space, office space, parking, maintenance and other related facilities. It will take some time to provide adequate hanger facilities to meet semands fully.

Product diversification envisaged by Scooters India Limited

*108. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of product diversification programme envisaged by the Scooters India Limited for making the company a profitable one ;

(b) whether the company has not initiated any new technological changes ;

(c) whether some foreign companies have agreed to offer their services for the diversification programme with financial assistance ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to enable the company to change its product ranges ?

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (e) Scooters India Limited (SIL) has been referred to Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) which is examining the long-term viability of SIL. Further steps would depend on the final recommendation of BIFR.

Post-Earthquake Tremors in Maharashtra

*109. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA ;
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of tremors have taken place after the devastating earth-quake in Maharashtra ;

(b) whether any study has been made in the matter ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes Sir, After the occurence of the Main earthquake on September 30, 1993, with epicentre close to Latur in Maharashtra, aftershok activity started and is still continuing. Earthquakes of magnitude of around 5 and above generally give rise to aftershock sequence. Till December 1, 1993 a total of 116 aftershocks have been recorded, their magnitude range being between 1.0 to 5.2 on Richter scale.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, India Meteorological Department established five temporary Seismic field stations in the earthquake affected area to monitor aftershock activity. A few other organisations also set up temporary observatories. Most of these aftershocks have epicentres in a narrow zone of about 908 sq. km. and mean radius of 17 km. from the main earquake. The aftershock area are is bounded by Latitude 17°—8' to 18°— 2'N and longitude 76°— 4' to 76°— 7' in the Ausa and Nilanga Tehsils of Latur district and Umarga Tehsil of Osmanabad district. There appears to be no clear evidence of trend of migration of these epicentres in any particular direction. The aftershock area consists a total rock mass volume

of about 13,620 cubic km. The highest aftershock of magnitude 5.2 on Ritcher Scale occured on 9.10.93 and it had an energy content of 1.9 x 10^{19} ergs. The residual strain energy that still remains in the rock mass is being released in the aftershocks. The aftershock activity will continue for some more time and decay gradually.

Foreign investment projects/proposals

*110 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the total foreign investment projects/proposals cleared during the year 1993, till date, by Government alongwith the number of applications received for each project, project-wise, and out of them which have been approved and which have been rejected ;

(b) what is the number of applications pending clearance, alongwith foreign investments involved ;

(c) what are the areas in which investment proposals are cleared and the ground on which these are rejected ;

(d) which are the areas in which 1 per cent foreign equity would be permitted ; and

(e) what are the details of industries that will be established under joint venture investment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) 610 applications received for foreign direct investment have been approved during the year 1993 (up to October). Sector-wise break-up of these approvals is given in attached Statement. 20 applications for foreign direct investment were rejected during the period.

[*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 20]

(c) Proposal for foreign direct investcations for foreign direct investment is a *continuous process.*

(c) Proposal for foreign direct investment in high priority areas (i.e. areas listed in Annex III of the Statement on Industrial Policy of July, 1991) are accorded automatic approvals, subject to prescribed norms by the Reserve Bank of India. Other proposals are considered and approved by Government on merit. The proposals lacking essential details or those not in conformity with the prescribed norms and which are not in the interest of Indian economy are generally rejected.

(d) Government's foreign investment policy, as enumerated in the Statement on Industrial Policy laid on the Table of the House on 24th July, 1991, does not lay down restriction in regard to the level of foreign equity holdings or the areas eligible for foreign investment.

(e) The details of foreign investment proposals cleared viz. name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, item of manufacture and amount of foreign investment involved in each proposal are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Production And Import of Electronic Goods

*111. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export of Electronic products is much less in comparison to the exports of other countries like Talwan, Thailand, Japan and Hongkong ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to increase the domestic production and also the export of electronic goods ;